

Home Education Advisory Council
Minutes—May 10, 2011

Chairman Abbey Lawrence called the regular meeting of the Home Education Advisory Council to order at 3:40 p.m. in Room 15 of Londergan Hall in Concord, New Hampshire.

Members Present: Marc Boyd, Chris Hamilton, Abbey Lawrence, Roberta Tenney, Heather Wheeler, and Dennis Wyman.

Visitors present: Jane Grady.

Minutes: The Council approved the April 12, 2011 meeting minutes by general consent.

Chairman's Report:

- Abbey summarized her annual report presented to the State Board of Education on April 13. She distributed to the Board a copy of Brian Ray's summary of an article titled "Exploring Academic Outcomes of Homeschooled Students" by Michael F. Cogan from the summer 2010 *Journal of College Admission*. The SBOE accepted Dennis Wyman's nomination to the Council for another three-year term.
- CHENH renominated Michael Compitello to the Council. The status of Barrett Christina's renomination is pending.

Rules Subcommittee Report: Chris Hamilton reported that the rules revision subcommittee is still working on the due process sections in Ed 315.

- The subcommittee noted contradictions between 193-A:8, I and 193-A:8, II and is trying to revise the rules to comply with the statute.
- Abbey agreed to schedule a meeting with Stephen Berwick and Mary Mayo once the subcommittee finishes making revisions.
- Chris explained the steps for revising administrative rules after Heather asked for clarification about the rules revision process.

Department of Education Report: Roberta reported that she gets a few calls each week about homeschooling.

Legislative Report: Chris distributed a written legislative report.

New Business:

Pinkerton Academy: Abbey asked Jane to explain a matter that arose when Pinkerton objected to admitting a homeschooled Derry resident who is eligible to enroll at Pinkerton as an incoming freshman. Initially, the admissions officer required the student to take a "state test" for homeschoolers to verify that the student could handle high school level work before allowing her to enroll at Pinkerton. Jane spoke to the admissions officer and sent her a copy of the DOE

technical advisory about equity in grade placement
(http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/school_improve/home_ed/policy.htm). The admissions officer agreed to allow the student to enroll.

DOE Website: Abbey asked Roberta why some homeschooling information and links formerly available at the DOE website were omitted during the last DOE website update. Roberta agreed to have those homeschooling links and other information posted on the website.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Grady
(substituting for Dennis Wyman)